

Morristown Conservation Commission

October 23, 2019 Attendees: Dave Stevens, Kristin Connelly, Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon

No September meeting so no meeting minutes to approve.

Old Business:

Town Forest Trails: Mud Brook Stream Crossing – there is no erosion. The bill was paid this week. There will be one new culvert on the Beaver Meadow Rd between the two parking lots. Several water bars are also needed. Forest and Parks will pay for it. We need to contact the News and Citizen to do a story; Brent will contact them. We need to put the new trail map on the town website; Kristen will do it. We also need to have 3 signs installed at each trail/road entrance to the Town Forest; Dave will do that. There is about 40' not including stream crossings on the Interior Trail that will need trail punchon in the future.

Clark Park: Graham Mink wants some of the Clark Park land to use for his residential apartment project. Ron went to the Trustee meeting in September. Ron and other members are opposed to it. The Village Trustees want to do a site walk; Ron will circulate that date when it is announced. The consensus was that the sale of the land will affect public access to the Clark Park from Bridge St. Ron has asked MACC and the Morristown Historical Society to support his position with a letter. MACC will meet next week to discuss it. Consensus is the MCC should talk to the trustees. Once the sale decision has been reached we can get going on the lease for the Park. Craig Myotte is retiring so the lease will likely be negotiated with his replacement.

LCPC-Town: Consensus is the Selectboard needs to figure out what the LCPC-Town relationship will be.

New Business

Joes Pond will be the next location for the Stowe Land Trust annual meeting.

Ron went to the Planning Council meeting. We discussed the proposed Lamoille Valley Partnership Hutchins Street project. The project is very large and has no parking on site; there is an expectation that the parking will be provided in the Copley Lot next door. Consensus was that there should be on site parking.

Ron also discussed the Elmore Foothills zoning district he has proposed for the NE side of town. He would like to see the parcels involved rezoned to 10 acre minimum lot sizes.

Brent asked the MCC to make a donation for the proposed Cambridge Nature Preserve adjacent to the Cambridge State Forest. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Pease, Secretary.